GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRIBUTORSHIP OF LPG/MS OUTLETS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Oil Corporation Limited and its ancilliary companiesduring 1998-99 have invited applications for the distributorship of LPG as retail outlets / M.S. Outlet/L.D.O. dealership ;

(b) if so, whether each of the thousand applicants have deposited Rs. 500 alongwith application ; (

(c) whether only 5% of total applicants have been given dealership even after the lapse of time limit of four years ;

(d) the number of slots vacant during 1998 alongwith the number and percentage of persons who got dealership during the said period ;

(e) whether the cost of implementation increased to triple during these four years i.e. since 1998 to 2001 ;

(f) whether revenue loss worth crores of rupees have been suffered due to bureaucracy; and

(g) if so, the steps taken by the Government to make justice to the applicants and to check the delay and fixing accountability in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The application fee for dealership of petroleum products during the year 1998-99 was Rs. 250/- for SC/ST Category applicants and Rs. 500/- for applicants of other than SC/ST category.

(c) and (d) : Indian Oil Corporation Limited has allotted more than 70% of Retail Outlets (ROs), 36% of SKO/LDO dealerships an 58% of LPG distributorships out of those advertised in the Year 1998-99.

(e) to (g) : Increase in cost of setting up of RO/Distributorship depends upon the variation in cost of land from location to location.IOC has not reported any revenue loss on account of delay in allotment of RO/Distributorship.